

# WHAT'S *New* in the Metropolitan Police Department



*A weekly update for residents, visitors, and workers  
in the District of Columbia*

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## CCTV CAMERAS ACTIVATED FOR TWO UPCOMING EVENTS

The MPDC will activate its Joint Operations Command Center, including the network of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras, as a routine public safety measure during two upcoming events in the District of Columbia. Beginning at approximately 7 am, on Monday, January 23, CCTV cameras will be activated for the annual "Right to Life" March marking the anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision on abortion rights. Then, beginning at approximately 12 noon, on Tuesday, January 31, CCTV cameras will be activated for President Bush's State of the Union Address, which begins at 9 pm in the US Capitol. For both events, the MPD will activate its network of 19 CCTV cameras to help police monitor for any suspicious or unusual activities along the National Mall and in the downtown area. Barring unforeseen circumstances, it is anticipated the cameras will be deactivated shortly after each event concludes. No additional cameras outside the existing CCTV network are scheduled to be deployed. The Metropolitan Police Department's CCTV system is a secure, wireless network of 19 cameras owned and operated by the MPD. The CCTV system is activated only during major events in the District or during periods of heightened alert for terrorism. The cameras focus on public spaces around the National Mall, US Capitol, White House, Union Station and other critical installations, as well as major arteries and highways that pass through downtown DC.

- ① Read the full news release at:  
<http://app.mpd.cdc.gov/newsroom/newsroom.asp?sid=293000>
- ① Additional information about the CCTV network, including the locations of the 19 permanent cameras, can be found at:  
[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1238,q,541201,mpdcNav\\_GID,1545,mpdcNav,|31748|.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1238,q,541201,mpdcNav_GID,1545,mpdcNav,|31748|.asp)
- ① The public is invited to submit comments about the MPDC's use of CCTV to the Chief of Police, 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, Rm. 5080, Washington, DC 20001, or via email at [mail.chief-of-police@dc.gov](mailto:mail.chief-of-police@dc.gov).

## LEARN HOW TO PREVENT VEHICLE THEFT DURING 2006 WASHINGTON AUTO SHOW

Visitors to the 2006 Washington Auto Show will be able to do more than just check out the latest in new automobiles and accessories. They can also get valuable information and resources on how to protect their vehicles from theft. The safety tips are courtesy of the MPDC and the Maryland and Washington DC Anti-Car Theft (ACT) Committee. The Washington Auto Show runs from Tuesday, January 24, through Sunday, January 29, in the Washington Convention Center. Members of the MPDC's Auto Theft Unit and other area law enforcement agencies will be passing out safety tips and information on how to reduce the chances of your vehicle being stolen. The Maryland and DC ACT Committee will have its "Hot Car" (Neon) on display, with demonstrations on how to protect your vehicles. While the number of automobiles stolen in DC declined by about 15 percent in 2005, according to preliminary statistics, DC continues to have one of the highest auto theft rates in the nation. To help reverse this trend, police will be encouraging motorists to sign up for "Watch Your Car," a national vehicle theft prevention program that both the MPDC and Maryland police agencies participate in.

- ① For more information about Watch Your Car in DC, and to register for the free, voluntary program, call (877) DC2-STOP or go online to:  
[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1242,q,547151,mpdcNav\\_GID,1541.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1242,q,547151,mpdcNav_GID,1541.asp)
- ① For information on the 2006 Washington Auto Show, visit:  
<http://www.washingtonautoshow.com>
- ① Even if you can't make it to the Auto Show, vehicle owners can get auto theft prevention tips on the MPDC website at:  
[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1240,q,547830,mpdcNav\\_GID,1552,mpdcNav,|.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1240,q,547830,mpdcNav_GID,1552,mpdcNav,|.asp)

## MPDC PUBLISHES STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN

The MPDC Strategic Business Plan (SBP) presents the Department's overarching strategic goals, key result measures by which to gauge performance, and the critical issues and challenges facing the MPDC, such as demographic changes in the city, the growing importance of homeland security, or depreciating resources. The SBP is a two-year plan that is updated annually. The SBP for FY2006-FY2007 has recently been published. The document identifies six strategic result goals, including reducing crime and criminal victimization, producing justice by calling offenders to justice, and enhancing the sense of safety and security in public spaces. The SBP also outlines the Department's organizational structure, describing the eight main operational, administrative and management programs and activities of the agency. The bulk of the document then details the specific purpose statements and performance measures for each of the eight main programs and activities.

## REENTRY ACTIVITIES IN DC HIGHLIGHT EFFORTS TO ASSIST OFFENDERS RETURNING FROM PRISON

Each year, approximately 2,000 offenders return from federal correctional institutions to the District of Columbia. To help these ex-offenders make a smooth and crime-free transition back to the community, DC's Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) and the CSOSA/Faith Community Partnership launched an initiative three years ago to connect returning offenders with the support and strength of the city's faith institutions. The effort enjoys the support of President Bush, Mayor Williams, the MPDC and other District officials and agencies. This year, CSOSA and the faith community of DC are holding "30 Days of Reentry Reflection," from January 15 through February 15. The program is designed to highlight successful partnerships and to encourage others to join in providing support to returning offenders. A Citywide Reentry Assembly will be held on Thursday, February 9, from 6:30 to 9 pm, at the St. Luke Center, 4923 East Capitol Street, SE. Established in 1997, CSOSA provides probation and post-incarceration services to approximately 15,500 criminal offenders in DC. CSOSA provides comprehensive, public safety-oriented programming and treatment services combining accountability with meaningful opportunity.

## NEWS & NOTES

**Civilian Job Vacancies.** The MPDC continues to accept applications for various professional, administrative and management positions in the agency. Application deadlines for current vacancies are fast approaching, however. For detailed information on all current vacancies, go to <http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1230,q,538142.asp>.

**Court Reports Available.** Each month, the Community Prosecution staff of the US Attorney's Office publishes a report containing a summary of significant cases in each police district that were prosecuted during the previous month. These Court Reports discuss crimes that occurred in DC neighborhoods and provide updates on the criminal convictions of those who commit these crimes. Access the reports for November, October and September 2005 at [http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/dc/Community\\_Prosecution/Court\\_Reports/index.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/dc/Community_Prosecution/Court_Reports/index.html).

**Chief Ramsey on "Live at Five."** The Chief is scheduled to discuss public safety issues and take phone calls from 5-6 pm on Wednesday, January 25, during his monthly appearance on WOL 1450-AM.

① To view the FY2006-FY2007 Strategic Business Plan (in PDF), go to:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1246,q,558981.asp>

① For more information on upcoming "reentry" activities, go to:  
<http://www.csosa.gov>

① CSOSA is looking for volunteers to help mentor former inmates. For contact information, visit:  
[http://www.csosa.gov/reentry/reentry\\_reflection\\_2006\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.csosa.gov/reentry/reentry_reflection_2006_flyer.pdf)

### DATA BOX

Homicides as of 1/20/06

- ◆ 2006: 7
- ◆ 2005: 9
- ◆ % Change: -22.2%
- ◆ Closure Rate: 86.7% (6 closures)

Adult Arrests week end. 1/14/06

- ◆ Total: 968
- ◆ Weapons: 25
- ◆ Robbery: 7
- ◆ Auto Theft: 23
- ◆ Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 57

Juvenile Activity week end. 1/14/06

- ◆ Arrests: 40
- ◆ Curfew Violators: 46
- ◆ Truants: 69

Firearm Recoveries as of 1/19/06

- ◆ January: 128
- ◆ 2006 Total: 128
- ◆ 2005 Total (year-end): 2,344

Traffic Fatalities as of 1/20/06

- ◆ 2006: 1
- ◆ 2005: 2
- ◆ % Change: -50.0%

Information, ideas, or comments about this service? Send an e-mail to **KEVIN MORISON**, MPDC's Director of Corporate Communications, at [kevin.morison@dc.gov](mailto:kevin.morison@dc.gov). Would you like to have this information e-mailed to you? Just go to our Website and register with [Crimereports.com](http://Crimereports.com).

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